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None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

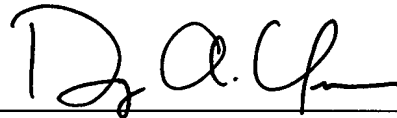
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies are not provided of references previously submitted to, or cited by, the Office in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/810,376, filed March 16, 2001 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,609,260, which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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	BE	3,049,726	08/21/1962	Getz			
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	CD	3,434,165	03/25/1969	Keane				
	CE	3,451,070	06/24/1969	Danielson				
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	CG	3,584,321	06/15/1971	Buchanan				
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	ED	3,902,204	09/02/1975	Lee			
	EE	3,905,591	09/16/1975	Schorr et al.			
	EF	3,940,808	03/02/1976	Petrini			
	EG	3,941,365	03/02/1976	Frymoyer			
	EH	4,054,960	10/25/1977	Pettit et al.			
	EI	4,071,916	02/07/1978	Nelson			
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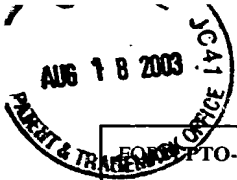
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	HE	4,763,643	08/16/1988	Vrzalik			
	HF	4,769,584	09/06/1988	Irigoyen et al.			
	HG	4,827,541	05/09/1989	Vollman et al.			
	HH	4,841,585	06/27/1989	Masuzawa			
	HI	4,847,929	07/18/1989	Pupovic			
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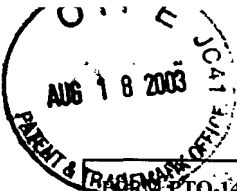
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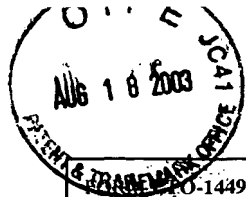
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	KG	5,152,024	10/06/1992	Chrones et al.			
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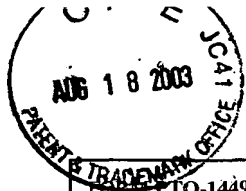
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